

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPREHENSIVE)
MENTAL HEALTH COURT)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2006-060

By authority vested in me as Presiding Judge for the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, and in recognition of the need to improve the administration of cases within the Trial Courts involving persons with serious mental illnesses,

IT IS ORDERED creating a Comprehensive Mental Health Court that shall operate under the administration of the Presiding Judge for the Probate/Mental Health Department. The Consolidated Mental Health Court shall be configured to address (1) early identification of SMI parties within the Trial Court system, (2) increased communication among the various courts and their departments, Correctional Health Services, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department, and outside agencies that provide services to SMI parties to provide improved continuity of care and coordinated case management for SMI persons within the justice system, (3) concerns regarding recidivism of SMI Defendants in the Criminal Justice System, (4) concerns regarding reoccurring civil commitments into the County's mental health hospitals, and (5) where warranted, effecting appropriate release conditions for SMI defendants who are incarcerated within the County jail.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED in furtherance of these objectives that the following court calendars and hearings involving Superior Court criminal case matters shall be conducted under the Comprehensive Mental Health Court:

1. Rule 11 competency proceedings pursuant to Rule 11, Criminal Rules of Procedure;
2. Probation status review hearings and probation revocation proceedings for all defendants who are assigned to the Adult Probation Department's SMI Unit;
3. Requested bail review hearings and special release condition requests pertaining to incarcerated defendants who have been identified as having a serious mental illness, and;

4. Such other and further criminal court calendars and hearings as may be jointly designated by the Presiding Judge for the Criminal Department and the Presiding Judge for the Probate/Mental Health Department.

DATED this 18th day of May, 2006.

Barbara Rodriguez Mundell
Presiding Judge

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